

REMARKS

This application was filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 and is the United States national stage of International Application No. PCT/US2003/035,057, filed November 3, 2003 which claimed priority to United States patent application number 60/423,231, filed November 2, 2002. The United States was the Receiving Office and the office which conducted the examination under PCT - Chapter II. All the claims in the PCT application met the requirement of unity of invention throughout the international search and the international and no invitation to pay additional fees was made under Article 17(3)(a). The International Preliminary Examination Report was favorable with respect to all claims. Claims 1-30 each satisfied the criteria of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).

In the National Stage the examiner has applied restriction practice as described under PCT Rule 13.1 and 37 CFR 1.475 and 1.499 to establish Group I (claims 1-27) and Group II (claims 28-30).

Election. The applicant elects Group II (claims 28-30) without traverse.

Cancellation of Claims. The applicant without prejudice cancels claims 1-27. The applicant does not waive any right to have claims 1-27 or other claims supported by the description examined in a subsequently filed continuation, division or similar continuing application without reduction in the breadth of scope of the claims.

CONCLUSION

The applicant provisionally elects Group II (claims 28-30) for examination. The applicant has canceled claims 1-27. The applicant respectfully requests entry of the cancellation of claims 1-27 into the file and examination of claims 28-30.

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